



Friday
July 9, 2010

Weekly Views

The BMV Mobile Unit visited the Indianapolis Re-entry Educational Facility. IREF staff worked diligently to prepare for the visit. In two days they were able to process 81 offenders to receive a State Issued ID card upon their release! Since April, the IDOC and BMV have collaborated to deliver 548 State ID Cards to soon to be released offenders.

Westville Correctional Facility's Honor Guard, E-Squad, and Canine Units presented in the LaPorte County 4th of July parade. This local parade also hosted Commissioner Buss as its Grand Marshall.

Congratulations to the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility Fire Department! They "smoked" the competition at the annual Firefighter's Contest during the Sullivan County Park and Lake's "Fireworks over the Lake Freedom Festival". The trophy is currently on display at the facility.



Graduates of the Master Gardener class at the Chain 'O Lakes Correctional Facility planned, planted, and cared for several vegetable gardens while also maintaining the landscaping around the facility. They donated their produce to the Central Noble Food Pantry in Albion, delivering an abundance of green beans, peppers, zucchini, cucumbers, peas, and lettuce.

Offenders housed in the P.L.U.S. dormitory at Putnamville Correctional Facility made a \$1500 donation to the Putnam County Family Support Center. Volunteer Coordinator Rick Hayes and Unit Manager Sashi Kumaran presented the check to officials at the Support Center. The Support Center provides counseling and child/baby goods to single mothers and families in need in the Putnam County area.

Wabash Valley staffers, Officer Albert Tovar and Sergeant Justin Fuller successfully completed the Special Emergency Response Team (S.E.R.T.) Academy! Interim Executive Director James Basinger commended their efforts and commitment to the Indiana Department of Correction.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility celebrated its 10th anniversary. The auxiliary committee roasted hot dogs, chicken wings and hamburgers. Employee's families were invited and children played in the jungle gym. Staff members also volunteered to sit in a dunk tank to raise money for the local women's shelter.



The Correctional Industrial Facility held a 2nd Job Fair for the PEN Products/Brake Remanufacturing Operation. 61 applications were taken and 27 workers were hired as a result of this job fair.

Members of the Indiana State Prison Employee Activities Planning Committee presented a "goodie" bag to staff who were working on July 4th to say thank you for working the holiday.

The students at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility celebrated Independence Day with educational competitions, games, a cookout, and talent show.

The Wabash PLUS Graduate Program participants have donated over \$340 to the Pekin, Indiana Tabernacle of God Church. The money will help people in need of services at a local food pantry.

Commissioner Buss, Chief Ronay, State Senator Jim Arnold, State Representatives Tom Dermody, and retired Indiana State Prison (ISP) Unit Team Manager Robert Taylor were on-hand to recognize and congratulate eight Camp Summit Boot Camp employees for outstanding performance at the facility's Quarterly Recall. Commissioner Buss also presented Superintendent Davis with a State Prison Lock, commemorating his four years of service as the Superintendent of ISP from 2001-2004.

Off-grounds work crews from the Pendleton Correctional Facility logged 951 hours during the month of June. These work details have provided a total of 8,348.25 hours of community service since January 1st.

Commissioner Buss and Chief Ronay attended the Indiana State Prison's Staff Assembly. Staff received service awards for 20, 25 and 30 years. Additional awards received were Extra Mile Awards, Quarterly and Yearly Awards for Contractual, Employee, Supervisor and Officer.